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FRRC Leaders to Donate Protective Masks to Broward County, Highlands County Jails

Orlando, FL (May 5, 2020) - Today, leaders from the <u>Florida Rights Restoration Coalition</u> (FRRC) will be visiting the Broward County and Highlands County Jails to donate thousands of protective masks to both facilities in response to recent reports of lack of personal protective equipment (PPE).

The group will also be delivering masks to Broward County residents at the following locations:

Broward County Jail- 2:45 p.m.

555 SE 1st Ave.

Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301

Broward Central Bus Terminal- 3:30 p.m.

101 NW 1St Ave. Fort Lauderdale FL, 33301

Broomfield Grocery- 4:15 p.m.

751 NW 22nd Rd Fort Lauderdale FL, 33311

Last week, FRRC announced a statewide plan to distribute masks to vulnerable populations that need them most.

"FRRC will be donating masks to people throughout the state of Florida to ensure that our brothers and sisters who are incarcerated and who are in vulnerable communities can have the protection that they so desperately need," said Desmond Meade, Executive Director.

With the ongoing spread of COVID-19 throughout Florida's prisons and jails, incarcerated individuals and staff are at risk of contraction. A recent news report from the <u>Miami New Times</u>

FRRC is a grassroots, membership organization run by Returning Citizens (Formerly Convicted Persons) who are dedicated to ending the disenfranchisement and discrimination against people with convictions and creating a more comprehensive and humane reentry system that will enhance successful reentry, reduce recidivism, and increase public safety.



indicates that there are a minimum of five individuals currently in the custody of the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) who have tested positive for the highly contagious disease.

FRRC has already donated masks to Orange County residents, the Lee County Jail and other communities throughout the state of Florida. The organization will be donating more in the coming weeks to further its goal of leading with love, putting people over politics and supporting underserved communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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